District of Orissa. The report *interalia* covers the details of mining and Environmental Management Plan.

The report will be assessed while considering environmental clearance of the proposal.

Sanctuary in Kalahandi district in Orissa

1040. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Orissa to create a Sanctuary in Kalahandi district; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; if not, whether the central Government propose to create a sanctuary in Karlapat region within Thuamal-Rampur Block in Kalahandi district in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Government of Orissa have declared 'Karlapat Wildlife Sanctuary' vide its Gazette Notification No. 24498/F&E dated 15-10-92 under Section 18 of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. The State Government is empowered by the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to declare an area as wildlife sanctuary.

Construction activities inside the boundaries of sanctuaries

1041. SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction activities and building of roads are taking place inside the boundaries of sanctuaries and national parks in various states in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 threatening the wild life and the environs;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) In terms of the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 only such construction activity can be permitted in a Sanctuary or a National Park as is ancillary to conservation, development and management of forests and wildlife. There are no reports that construction activity is being permitted in the Sanctuaries and National Parks in violation of the Act.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

National Parks Face Danger From Skies

1042. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press news-item captioned 'National Parks face danger from skies' as reported in the Indian Express dated the 3rd February, 1993;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government have recently contemplated any steps to save the National Parks from the danger of skies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?